

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing the 170th anniversary
of the University of Notre Dame du Lac.

ZAKAS, BRODEN

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing the 170th
2 anniversary of the University of Notre Dame du Lac.

3 *Whereas, November 26, 2012 marked the 170th*
4 *anniversary of the University of Notre Dame, an independent,*
5 *Catholic institution which remains committed to excellence*
6 *and service;*

7 *Whereas, The University of Notre Dame was founded in*
8 *South Bend, Indiana by the French priest Reverend Edward*
9 *Sorin of the Congregation of the Holy Cross;*

10 *Whereas, Upon taking possession of the 524 acres of land*
11 *intended for the university, Father Sorin named the school "The*
12 *University of Our Lady of the Lake". The school was officially*
13 *chartered by the Indiana General Assembly in 1844;*

14 *Whereas, In 1879, the entire university was destroyed by a*
15 *fire that ravaged the Main Building, yet Father Sorin was not*
16 *deterred from his vision. In speaking about the fire, Father*
17 *Sorin said, "I came here as a young man and dreamed of*
18 *building a great university in honor of Our Lady, but I built it*
19 *too small, and she had to burn it to the ground to make the*



1 *point. So, tomorrow, as soon as the bricks cool, we will rebuild*
2 *it, bigger and better than ever";*

3 *Whereas, The original 524 acres have since grown io 1,250*
4 *acres, including two lakes and 143 buildings. The university*
5 *has been led by 17 presidents, the current President is*
6 *Reverend John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.;*

7 *Whereas, Notre Dame is comprised of four undergraduate*
8 *colleges – Arts and Letters, Science, Engineering, and the*
9 *Mendoza College of Business. Additionally, the university*
10 *maintains the School of Architecture, the Law School, and the*
11 *Graduate School, which houses 40 master's and 24 doctoral*
12 *degree programs;*

13 *Whereas, The current enrollment at the university is about*
14 *12,000 students overall, including about 8,400 undergraduates;*

15 *Whereas, The University of Notre Dame encourages*
16 *students and alumni to serve their communities and most*
17 *students participate in some form of service-learning activity*
18 *while at the university, and continue service after graduating;*

19 *Whereas, In addition to the students, the faculty of Notre*
20 *Dame are a significant part of what makes the university so*
21 *highly respected. Notre Dame faculty members have won 46*
22 *fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities*
23 *in the past 12 years, more than any other university in the*
24 *country; and*

25 *Whereas, In the last 170 years, the University of Notre*
26 *Dame has become the preeminent institution of higher learning*
27 *that Father Sorin envisioned. We wish the university continued*
28 *success for the next 170 years: Therefore,*

29 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
30 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
2 University of Notre Dame du Lac on its 170th anniversary.

3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the current President, Reverend
5 John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.

